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St. James's, December 6.

THIS Day the Marquess de Corranse, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia, had his first private Audience of His Majesty; to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

From on Board the Barfleur in the Mole of Messina, Nov. 3, N. S. The Imperialists have made an End of Levelling the Lines of their Camp, the Trenches, and the Batteries that were before the Citadel, and have settled the Garrison for the Place. The last Accounts we had of the Spanish Army commanded by the Marquess de Lede, were, that he had quartered his Troops in the middle and most plentiful Part of Sicily, from Paterno to Calascibetta and Castro-Giovanni; the latter is a very strong Post, where he is forming Magazines. General Mercy designs to leave good Garrisons, not only in the Town and Citadel of Messina, but in Melazzo and other neighbouring Posts, and to pass by Sea with the main Body of his Army to Syracuse. Yesterday the Generals Mercy and Zurlauben came on Board, and had a Conference with Sir George Byng, for Settling the transporting of the Imperialists to the said Place.

Hambourg, Dec. 5. Brigadier Rantzau, who was sent by the Duke of Holstein to Stockholm as his Minister, but could not get Admittance to the Queen of Sweden, and was ordered by her Majesty to depart her Dominions, is arrived here. The Duke of Holstein left Berlin on the 26th past, in order to proceed by the Way of Dresden to the Court of Vienna. We have Advice from Petersburg, that the Czar having ordered his Ships of War to winter at Cronstot, two Frigates of between 30 and 40 Guns each, in their Voyage from Revel to that Place, ran upon the Sands and were lost.

Hambourg, Dec. 12. 'Tis advised from Dresden, that the Duke of Holstein set out from thence on the 8th Instant for Vienna, where it is said he designs to reside till the Congress at Brunswick be opened. Count Reventlau, who was formerly the Administrator of Holstein's Minister at Vienna, has been appointed by the Duke to resume that Character again at that Court in his Name, and he is gone thither before him. By Letters from Copenhagen we learn, that on the 8th of this Month at Ten at Night

his Excellency Count Guldenlew, great Admiral of Denmark, a natural Son of King Christian the 5th, died there after five Days Sickness. By his Death several Offices and Employments are become vacant, among them that of Director General of the Posts. Letters from Sweden of the 29th past, N. S. say, the Senate was taking all necessary Measures for the Defence of that Kingdom against any Attempts of the Muscovites.

Berlin, Dec. 9. The Emperour has dispatched circular Letters to all the Princes concerned in the Northern War, inviting them in form to send their Ministers to the Congress at Brunswick: They are dated the 17th past. That for his Prussian Majesty was brought hither on the 6th Instant.

Hague, Dec. 15. M. Neny, the Marquess de Prié's Agent, is returned hither from Brussels upon some Difficulties which yet obstruct the intire Execution of the last Convention relating to the Barrier-Treaty: He declares that the Proceeding of the Marquess de Prié with regard to the Dutch Ship taken by the Ostenders by way of Reprisal, has been approved by the Court of Vienna. The Resolution of the Province of Holland, for acceding effectually to the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance, and to all its secret and separate Articles, being now finally concluded and settled in Form, will be presented To-Morrow to the Assembly of the States General.

The Directors of the Royal Academy of Musick, by virtue of a Power given them under the King's Letters Patents, having thought it necessary to make a Call of 5 l. per Cent. from each Subscriber, have authorized the Treasurer to the said Royal Academy, or his Deputy, to receive the same, and to give Receipts for each Sum so paid in; this is therefore to desire the Subscribers to pay, or cause to be paid, the said five per Cent. according to the several Subscriptions, on the 18th or 19th Instant, at the Opera-House in the Hay-Market; where Attendance will be given by the Deputy-Treasurer from Nine till One in the Forenoon, who will give Receipts for every Sum so paid by each Subscriber as aforesaid.

The Governours of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, do hereby give Notice, that they have lately agreed to augment sixty three small Livings, each with the Sum of 200 l. which is to be laid out in a Purchase of Lands or Tythes, pursuant to their Rules and Orders. That of the said sixty three Livings twenty one do not exceed the yearly Value of 10 l. That the remaining forty two are above the Value of 10 l. and under the Value of 50 l. per Annum. That six were augmented by Lot, two of which are in the Gift of the Crown, and the other fifty seven were augmented in Conjunction with several charitable Benefactors. The said sixty three Livings are as follows, (viz.) The Vicarages of Mirfield, Carleton and Sheriff Hutton; The Curacies of Sildon, Highworsell, Hunfler, Sowerby, Sowerbybridge, Balidon in Orley, Allerton, Holbeck and Huthwaite, all lying in the C. and D. of York;